National Hispanic Awareness Hepatitis Day

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Today is National Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day. Testing is a fundamental step towards treating hepatitis C, but because the virus is often asymptomatic for years or even decades, many at-risk individuals, including Latino Americans, are not screened. Research from suggests that Latinos are less likely to get screened than the general population even in the presence of other known risk factors.

The Latino Commission on AIDS is hosting a webinar series month for Hepatitis Awareness Month and National Hispanic Hepatitis Awareness Day. There will be three presentations. The first one is today, May 15, 2018.

Webinar #1 Updated National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan 2017-2020 Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 2pm ET

This webinar will review the updated National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan 2017-2020

Presenter: Lissette Marrero, MSW. Regional Resource Consultant, HIV/AIDS Regional Resource Network Program U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH).

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Webinar #2 Latinos and Hepatitis C: Where We Are and What We Need to Do Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 1pm ET

This webinar will discuss how the opioid epidemic has inflated rates of hepatitis C infections amongst Latino persons. Content will provide a brief overview of HCV, the need to address inequitable access to screening, diagnosis and linkage to health care, and will further inform on effective strategies to address hepatitis C with the Latino and Hispanic population.

Presenter: Diana Padilla, Program manager NDRI-USA/North East and Caribbean ATTC

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Webinar #2 OMHRC Efforts around Viral hepatitis C among Hispanics/Latinos Tuesday, May 29, 2018, 1pm ET

This webinar will discuss the efforts that the Office of Minority Health Resource Center is doing to

address viral hepatitis C among the Latino Community.

Presenter: Diana Echenique, MPH, HCI, CDEc. Senior Program Analyst. Office of Minority Health Resource Center

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